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1. MISSION PASSED ALONG INFORMATION IN REF A TO DG-I (LOERKE)
MARCH 30. LOERKE INDICATED THAT COMMISSIONER ORTOLI WILL BE
TRAVELLING AND THUS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PLENARY SESSION
ON WORLD ECONOMY.

2. LOERKE INDICATED COMMISSION HAS NO PRECONCEIVED IDEAS ON
TIMING FOR OFFICIAL LEVEL WORKING GROUP ON TRADE ISSUES. HE
THOUGHT ONE GOOD TIME WOULD BE THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 20 AT
THE SAME TIME AS PLENARY SESSION ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. COMMISSION
SPOKESMEN IN THAT SESSION (CHEYSSON AND CASPARI) WOULD NOT ALSO
BE INVOLVED IN TRADE QUESTIONS.

3. LOERKE SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION IN
TRADE WORKING GROUP:

(A) CUSTOMS VALUATION. THE EC (CHUMAS) WOULD LIKE TO SOUND
OUT THE US ON PROSPECTS FOR AN MTN CODE. (LOERKE SAID THIS
SUBJECT COULD ALSO BE TAKEN UP IN A SIDE MEETING IF THE US
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PREFERRED.)

(B) THE WORLD STEEL SITUATION. THIS WOULD INCLUDE AN EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS ON THE WORLD SITUATION AND A DISCUSSION OF US QUOTAS ON
SPECIALTY STEEL. THE EC WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE AN EXPLANATION
OF US PLANS TO IMPLEMENT ITS EMBARGO ON RHODESIAN CHROME.

(C) THE US STEEL CASE ON VAT REBATES. THE EC WOULD LIKE AN
UPDATE.

(D) FOOTWEAR. A DECISION TO INCLUDE FOOTWEAR WOULD DEPEND ON
WHAT ACTION THE PRESIDENT TAKES ON THE ITC RECOMMENDATION. HINTON

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